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I. General. The 9 Brigade appears to have been part of the Second Army Tudor Vladimirescu Corps. Besides Militia and Securitatea units all soldiers wear the Tudor Vladimirescu badge (The initials TV mounted on a small badge, showing the colors of the country, worn on the left shoulder).

A. In 1949 the Horia Closca Si Crisan Army Corps was incorporated into the Tudor Vladimirescu Army Corps. Units of this Corps, aside from the 9 Brigade, are:

1. 2 Tank Brigade, Location: Bucharest, Ghencea Road.
2. 10 Tank Brigade, Location: Pitesti.
3. 11 Tank Brigade, Location: Colibas.
4. 12 Tank Brigade, Location: Targoviste
5. Motorized Regiment (artillery), Location: Cotroceni near Bucharest.

II. The 9 Tank Brigade.

A. Location.
(see Appendix II)

B. Strength and Organization.

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The total strength of the Brigade is approximately 1,800 men. It consists of the following units:

1. Four tank battalions, approximate strength: 155 men each.
2. One tank infantry battalion, approximate strength: 320 men.
3. One antitank battalion, approximate strength: 400 men.

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4. One reconnaissance battalion, approximate strength: 250 men.
5. One anti-aircraft "Division," approximate strength: 180 men.

A tank battalion is divided into three companies of about 50 men each, and a company is divided into ten training sections of five men each (corresponding to a tank crew).

C. Equipment.

1. Tanks.

For all four tank battalions there are only 20 tanks of the following descriptions:

Two German Tiger tanks of 70 tons each.

Six Czech TT 34 tanks of approximately 40 tons each.

Twelve Russian tanks are slightly heavier than the Czech tanks.

The German and Czech tanks are used for training purposes, while the brand new Russian tanks never leave the garage. Only senior non-commissioned officers received theoretical instruction on the Russian tanks.

The Reconnaissance Battalion has two Czech TT 34 tanks.

It may be interesting to note that the Russian tanks were frequently inspected by senior Russian officers.

2. Armament.

Few details are known to source. The guns mounted on the TT 34 tanks are of 16/22 caliber. This number appears on the shell cases. The Russian tank shells are marked 46/15.

On the Czech tanks two Beza heavy machine guns are mounted, one in the turret and one next to the driver.

The Russian tanks have only one machine gun each.

3. Additional Equipment.

The reconnaissance unit has two armored half-tracks. These do not have any armament. The top is completely open. In addition this unit has Russian-made motorcycles.

The antitank guns are of unknown make and caliber, description of the shells one may assume that they are 25 pounders. An unknown number of these guns is stored at the arms store (see

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appendix II) and are not used in training exercises. The store is heavily guarded.

The anti-aircraft guns are four-barreled and their caliber is approximately 30 millimeters.

D. Chain of command.

1. The Brigade is commanded by a Colonel. Each battalion is commanded by either a major or a captain. Companies are commanded by captains or lieutenants. Platoons are commanded by non-commissioned officers.
2. A political officer is attached to each company.
3. 9 Tank Brigade was inspected by the General commanding Second Army Corps.

III. Army Pay.

During their two years of compulsory service, soldiers are paid the following rates:

Private soldier: one and a half Lei per day.
 Corporal : three Lei per day.
 Sergeant : four and a half Lei per day.

25X1 [] all officers are regulars.

The lowest commissioned officer receives 6,500 Lei per month. He is furnished food and uniforms by the Army.

IV. Russian Tank Supplies. In 1949 at Rani, which is near Galati,

25X1 [] arrival of 80 Russian tanks (like those referred to above). The tanks arrived by rail, were transferred at Rani to a narrow-gauge Rumanian railroad and then moved to Pitesti, where they were unloaded. From there they were driven on their own power by Rumanian tank-men for approximately two hours at a speed of about 25X1 30 kilometers per hour. The direction is unknown [] but [] 25X1 [] they went along the highway to Campulung. After about two hours they arrived at a very small village, called Colibas. There they left the main road and turned right, passed through the village and beyond on an asphalt road, which was open for military traffic only. At the outskirts of the village they followed a winding road up a rather steep hill. At a distance of about one kilometer from the village they reached the entrance to the camp of the 11 Tank Brigade [] 25X1 [] Just in front of the camp entrance an asphalt road branches off to the left and in a wide circle surrounds the camp. At a distance of about one and a half kilometers from the camp entrance the road reaches a wood on top of the hill. Into this wood they brought the tanks. The wood contained many concrete buildings of two stories each, one below and one just above the ground. In each building a row of new Russian tanks were stored, both stories being used for the storage of tanks.

25X1 [] in June 1950 the buildings and the tanks were still there. There were so many tanks that "they could not be counted."

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PERSONALITIES

Name.	Office.	Description.
1. Mircea Haupt	Colonel - General. Commander Second Army Tudor Vladimirescu Corps 50,	medium height, stout, blond.
2. Neagu	Lieutenant, Commander of 1st Company and also Political Officer of the Company.	30, medium height, fair hair.
3. Rizescu	Colonel. Commander of 9 Tank Brigade. Left Brigade on promotion to Major-General in 1950.	45, tall, white hair.
4. Stavarache	Captain. Commander of 1 Battalion.	32-33, tall, grey hair.

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Location of the 9 Tank Brigade, Bucharest

1. Filaret Railway Station
2. Railway Crossing
3. Railway to Giurgiu
4. Ghencea Road
5. Military cemetery
6. Camp entrance
7. Barracks
8. Tanks.
9. Anti-tank guns
10. Anti-aircraft division
11. Subterranean ammunition store
12. Cook house
13. Dining hall
14. Quartermaster store
15. Brigade Headquarters
16. Hospital
17. Location of the 2 Tank Brigade
18. Parade ground.

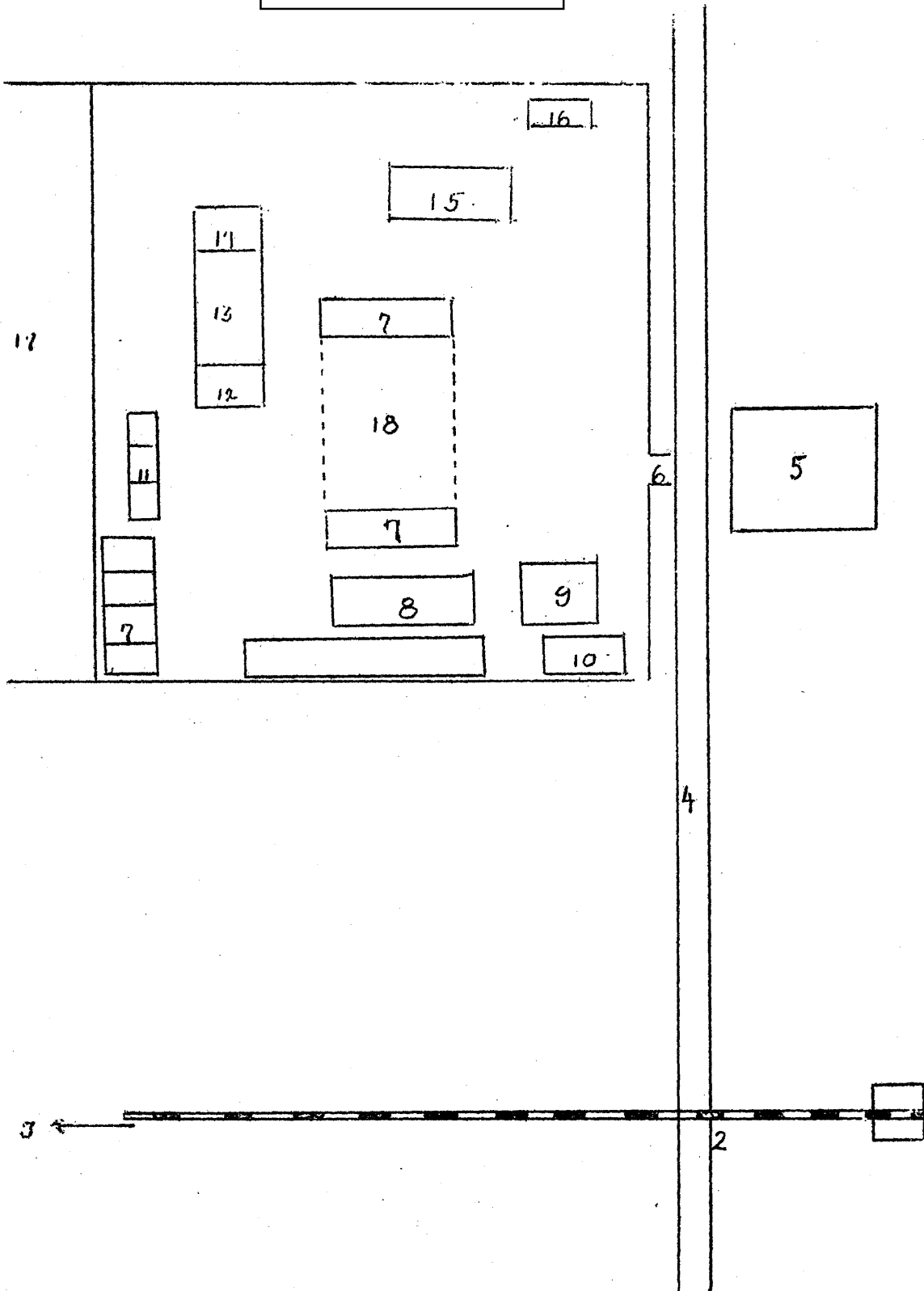
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Location of the 2 Tank Brigade and tank depots

1. To Pitesti
2. Main Highway
3. Probably to Campulung
4. Colibas
5. Military road (asphalt)
6. 2 Tank Brigade
7. Tank depot

Distance from 8 to 7 approximately one and a half kilometers
Distance from 8 to 9 approximately two kilometers
Six can be seen from 9

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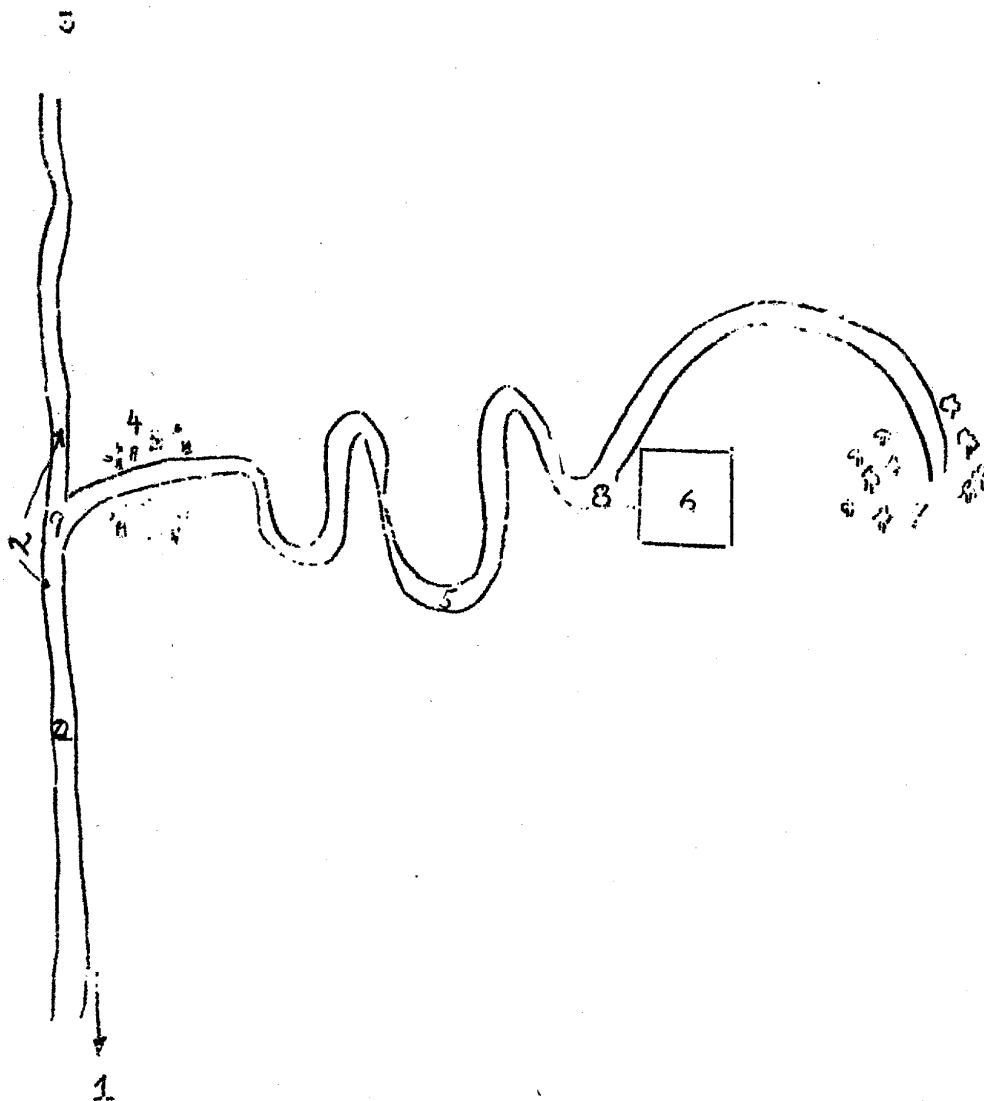
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